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A.N.A. CONVENTION SAN FRANCISCO

AUGUST 21-25, 1949

Vacation time and the A. N. A. Convention is again at hand. This year we go to the cosmopolitan city of San Francisco. It is indeed 1662 Only issue with this date. fitting that it be held there in 1949, just one hundred years since the great "Gold Rush."

at the Convention will be numismatics, but San Francisco offers unlimited interests for the other members of the family who are too often bored at such gatherings by us "Coin Nuts."

A few "musts" to see are Chinatown Fisherman's Wharf, Barbary Coast, Wells Fargo Bank Museum, The Golden Gate - and enough more to fill several columns.

Every indication points to an outstanding Coin Convention. Many of the finest collections from the West Coast will be on display - and brother! there are some real collectors out there. Practically every dealer I have spoken to will attend. Yours truly will be on hand with a choice assortment of material for sale and a few "bucks" to spend. The Numismatic Gallery will conduct the Auction and you can be sure the "Gold Dust Twins" will do their usual excellent job.

I have attended every Convention since 1936 - have bought and sold a great deal of material and have learned much about coins. Yet my most treasured memories are of the fine people I have met. I will be there to do business but my greatest pleasure will be in renewing old acquaintances and making new ones. Hope to see YOU there!

A Remarkable Offer SAVE 1, 50%

EARLY AMERICAN COINS

WILLOW TREE SHILLING

1652 Shilling - From the Colonel Green Collection. Very fine and Extremely rare \$ 265.00

OAK TREE THOPENCE Choice Extremely Fine..\$37.50

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> NEW YORK CLINTON CENT 1787 Clinton Cent in practically Uncirculated condition. Excessively rare and catalogues at \$600.00 Fine. Very specially priced at \$195.00.

> NEW YORK TOKEN (1700) N. Y. Token struck in lead. More rare than in brass. Catalogues

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MARK NEWBY SILVER 1681 Mark Newby farthing struck in silver. One of the excessive rarities from the Col. Green collection. Auction records up to \$200.00.

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Choice Proof 65.00

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A beautiful Proof.....\$ 135.00

CONTINENTAL DOLLAR - BRASS 1776 The rare variety in brass. Catalogues \$350.00 Fine, but this is another coin that has been in stock a long time and I am pricing it to sell.

About Uncirculated \$145.00



Complete Set Lincoln Cents, 1909 through 1945. Very good to Unc. SPECIAL PRICE 17.50

1853 Fine 2.00; Very good ... 1.25

1854-0 Mint, About unc..... 2.00 1854-0 Fine 1.25; Very good. .85 1855-0 Mint, Fine 1.25; V.Gd. .85

1856-0 Mint, Uncirculated.... 3.50

1856-0 Date recut, Unc..... 7.50

1856-0 V.fine 1.50; Fine 1.10

1857 Very good

U. S. HALF DOLLARS

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| 1 | STANDING LIBERTY TYPE |
| | 1916-S V.Gd 1.50; 1916-D Fine. 1.50 |
| ı | 1917 Brill. Unc 2.75; Abt. Unc. 1.50 |
| ı | 1017 C an Observed Vows and 200 |
| ŀ | 1917 S on Obverse, Very good 2.00 |
| 1 | 1917-S, Rev. Fine 2.50; V.good. 1.00 |
| 1 | 1917-D on Rev; Very good 1.25 |
| ł | 1918 Fine 2.00; Very good 1.00 |
| | 1918-S V.fine 2.50; Fine 1.50 |
| 1 | 1918-D Fine 2.00; V.good 1.00 1919-S Very good, scarce 1.50 |
| ł | 1919-S Very good, scarce 1.50 |
| ı | 1919-D Very good 1.25 |
| ı | 1920 Br. Unc. 5.00; Fine 1.50 |
| ı | 1920-3 Fine 2.00; Very good 1.00 |
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| 9 | 1920-D Abt.fine 1.50; V.good 1.00 |
| ł | 1921 V.Gd.2.00; 1921-3 V.Gd 1.25 |
| ı | 1923-S Fine 2.50; V.good 1.00 |
| 1 | 1927-S Ex.fine 2.00; Fine 1.50 |
| ı | 1929-S Mint, Uncirculated 7.50 |
| ١ | 1929-D Fine to Very fine 1.25 |
| 1 | 1933-S Mint, Brill. Unc12.50 |
| ł | 1934 P or D, Uncirculated 1.50 |
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| | 1934-S Mint, Uncirculated 7.50 |
| ı | 1935 P or D Mints, Unc 1.50 |
| ١ | 1935-S Mint, Uncirculated 4.00 |
| | 1936 P or D Mint, Uncirculated 1.25 |
| | 1936-S Mint, Unc., SPECIAL 1.75 |
| ı | (The above catalogues at \$3.50) |
| i | 1937 Brill. proof, SPECIAL 5.95 |
| ı | (The above catalogues at \$ 10.90) |
| ı | 1937 P or D Mint, Unc 1.25 |
| ı | 1937-S Mint, Uncirculated 1.50 |
| ı | 1938 Uncirculated |
| ı | 1938-D Mint, Uncirculated 6.00 |
| ı | 1939 Uncirculated, SPECIAL 1.00 |
| ı | 1939 Uncirculated, Srivialiss. 1.00 |
| ı | 1939-S Unc, "A coin to watch". 2.50 |
| ı | 1939-D Mint, Uncirculated 1.00 |
| | 1940 Brilliant proof 2.35 |
| | 1940 P or S, Uncirculated 1.00 |
| ı | 1941 With or without the engravers |
| | initial. Brilliant proof2.35 |
| | 1941 Pair of the above, Br.Prfs4.35 |
| ١ | 1941 P or D, Uncirculated90 1941-S Mint, Uncirculated 1.25 |
| | 1941-S Mint. Uncirculated 1.25 |
| ĺ | 1942 Brilliant proof |
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To possess money is a fear Not to have it is a grief.

ONLY A PENNY BUT VERY IMPORTANT

Copper coins were vital to Canadians during the early 18th Century and officials in Paris urged King Louis to have one struck for Canadian use.

In 1716 the King agreed. Now the King was a vain monarch and because the likeness on the proposed coin didn't, unfortunately, flatter him, he forbid more to be struck until a more suitable likeness was put on the coin. So, because of a King's vanity, Canada had to wait five more years for its first penny which on issuence, showed not the King's likeness at all, but a design on the obverse of two crossed L's, surmounted by a crown.

Submitted by Paul Borrowman, Wyoming, Ont. Can.

tion at 75¢ and \$1.00 each.

1909-S Very fine, plus...... 3.00 1910-S Fine 1.50; 1911-S Fine. 1.50

1912-D Mint, Uncirculated.... 7.50

1912-D Abt. Unc. 3.25; Fine ... 1.25 1914-3 Fine 1.50; 1915-S F plus2.00

Most all other dates of Morgan Half

Dollars in stock in V. Good condi-

When he wasn't hunting for game, silver or gold, and looking for semi-precious stones with pick and shovel in the rugged North Carolina mountains, Christopher Bechtler, an immigrant from Baden, Germany, was pressing out remarkably fine gold coins for mountaineers and inhabitants of Georgia and the Carolinas. Goldsmith by trade, he produced rings and jewelry of exquisite design for the local citizenry.

Topping his great skill was his honesty which showed in his coins of the early 1830's that were almost without alloy, being twenty carats fine. In nine years (1831-40), \$2,241,840.50 was produced in Rutherfordton at the Bechtler mint in denominations of \$1.00, \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$10.00. Not sanctioned by the government, but not interfered with by it, Bechtler coins were the only ones available to travelers, tradesmen and neighbors in that out-of-the-way country. The Mint Master's fee for his work consisted of but a small percentage of gold brought to him by customers.

Bechtler specie is divided into two series, the first having no date inscription. Very fine..... 25.00 but coined before 1834, and the HYDERABAD (1800) Mohur, native but coined before 1834, and the second starting with 1834, having his name, his town, weight and fineness of the gold, the date, and value of the pieces. Christopher Bechtler's son August carried on the mint business until 1852, where at his death it was inherited by a crokked nephew and soon discontinued August Bechtler is said to have pro duced more minted pieces than his father, though no records have been found to prove it. These are now rare and highly prized.

Submitted by Clarence M. Fink, Pasadena, Calif

A Wyoming university historian revealed today the story of an early U. S. Mint - privately owned. Miss Lola Homsher said the moneymaker was Judge W. A. Carter-an old Wyoming Indian trader.

He went into his coin business not to compete with the government but to simplify his trading problems Miss Homsher said straight trading in which Indians gave him fur or gold and immediately chose kettles or hatchets proved difficult. The Indians took a long time to decide what trade goods they wanted and sometimes couldn't carry away all they selected and paid for.

So the judge made them coins - out of brass. When they gave him their goods he would give them a stack of his private money - in 50 and 25 cent denominations - and the Indians could take all the time they liked, knowing the brass coins were a claim CUBA 1916 10 Pesos, About Uncirculated, choice......30.00 on the trader.

AFGHANISTAN 1925, 1 Amani (\$5.00 size), Unc.....\$25.00 AUSTRIA 1889, 8 Florin 20 Francs 1896 20 Kroner, Unc..... 12.50 1915 Ducat of Franz Joseph BADEN 1846 Ducat of Leopold struck in Rhine Gold, Rare, Br. Proof 25.00 BULGARIA 1894 10 Levas of Ferd. 1908 20 Levas of Ferd. X. Fine 25.00 COLOMBIA 1824 Scudo of the Republic Popayan Mint, Very fine..... 7.50 1871 2 Pesos, Medellin Mint.V.F 7.50 ECUADOR 1837 4 Scudo, head of Liberty. Rev: Sun over Mountains. Scarce, Very fine 37.50 FRANCE 1806 20 Francs of Napoleon as Emperor. Pare head, by Droz. Very fine 18.00 1813 20 Francs, laureated head of Napoleon by Droz. V. fine.... 18.00 GREAT BRITAIN Spade guinea, 1798, of George III. Brill. Unc.... 25.00 GUATEMALA 1874 5 Pesos, Catalogue at \$60.00, Uncirculated..... 37.50 HUNGARY 1897 10 Korona Franz Joseph. Very fine 6.00 INDIA 19th Century Mohur, native inscriptions. Very fine.... 25.00 ITALY 1812 40 Lire of Napoleon. Milan Mint. Very fine..... 30.00 MONACO 1879 20 Francs Chas III. Very fine 20.00 NAPLES & SICILY 20 Lire Gioag. Napleon. Very fine..... 20.00 NETHERLANDS 1805 Ducat. Fine. 1875 10 Gulden, Very fine.... 12.50 1897 10 Guilders of Queen Wilhelmina. Child's head. Unc. 25.00 PAPAL STATES 1550-55 Scudo D'Or of Julius III. Bust of Christ with halo. Very fine but scratch on obverse..... 25.00 1868 20 Lire Pius IX. V.fine. 15.00 PORTUGAL 1822 3,200 Reis with bust of John VI. Choice, V.fine... 25.00 PRUSSIA 1888 20 Marks Fred. who reigned only a short period during this year. About unc...... 18.00 ROUMANIA 1944 1,000 Lei comm. the return of Transylvania to Roumania. Uncirculated...... 18.00 RUSSIA 1899 5 Roubles, Unc... 9.00 1900 5 Roubles, Very fine... 7.50 SERBIA 1882 20 Dinars of Milan I. SWITZERLAND 1918 20 Francs, Brill. uncirculated...... 11.25 TRANSVAAL 1894 1 Pond, Fine. 12.50 TUNIS 1891 20 Francs, V.fine. 12.50 TURKEY 1860 50 Piastres or half sovereign. Very fine..... 8.00 VENICE (1790) Ducat, regular Venician type. Fine..... 10.00 YUGOSLAVIA 1925 20 Dinars, This will be a rare coin. Brilliant uncirculated..... 25.00

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Look at these

HALF CENTS

10 Different dates, none less than Very good and they will average Fine. 10 pieces \$ 7.95

Indian Heads

12 Different dates 1862 to 1909. all Brilliant uncirculated. These are really gems - \$9.75

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20 Different dates in Brilliant Unc. condition including 1931-S and others before this. Catalogues near \$30.00.

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25 Different before 1892 in Very good or better condition. Some bust type \$ 7.50

U. S. QUARTER DOLLARS

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U. S. HALF DOLLARS

10 Different before 1839, all Fine or better. A nice collection and a good investment at .. \$ 12.50

10 Different, all Brilliant Unc. A Savings of 20% \$ 14.95

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10 Different Morgan type in Unc. condition, from original rolls. This choice group only - \$16.50

10 Different Peace Dollars, Brill. Unc. Getting more scarce all the time. ONLY \$ 14.75

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Gold Type Collection including \$20.00, \$10.00, \$5.00, \$3.00, \$2.50 and \$1.00, all Very fine or better. The six pieces\$115.90

FOREIGN SILVER

15 Different full dollar size coins of the world in Fine or better condition. From 1650 to 1910. A nice collection - 30% Savings....\$20.00

NOTE - While the above are offered as "specials," they are first quality coins.

* HINTS ON ROMAN COINS *

CARACALLA AND ELAGABALUS

Since one succeeded the other. since they were close relatives. and since no monetary changes took place in their respective reigns, and what is even worse, since both had and used the same names, Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (rather than their unofficial names Elagabalus and Caracalla!) a perfect setting for utter confusion is given.

Fortunately, the collector can tell their coins apart nowadays by the following method:

BY THEIR FACIAL EXPRESSIONS

Caracalla became Emperor at the age of eight and died when twentynine; consequently he is shown represented with a young - unbeardedyouthful - slightly bearded - fully bearded portrait.

Elagabalus became Emperor at 14 and died at 18. Therefore he would only show unbearded and slightly bearded portraits.

PRACTICAL RULE: All coins with a boy head or a fully bearded portrai can only be of Caracalla.

Elagabalus had thick, heavy lips; Caracalla had round, short facial contours.

All antoniniani (double denarii) with the Emperor having a spiked crown and bearded face - are of Caracalla.

All denarii (and bronzes) where the bearded Imperial head has a sickle-like horn on the forehead, are of Elegabalus.

BY THE OBVERSE LEGENDS

All coins, where the legend contains BRIT, GERM, DIVO, MAGNO, MAX, and PONTIFEX, or ending into CAES, or the legend M. AVR(EL).ANTONINUS COMMEMORATIVE HALF DOLLARS CAESAR or TR P (if on obv.) - are of Caracalla. Other legends may belong to both rulers, and cannot, therefore, be used as criteria. ANTONINUS AVGVSTVS with boy head is, of course, Caracalla's, as shown by the fact that it accompanied a boy head.

BY THE REVERSE LEGENDS

All those containing AVGG are Caracalla's. All coins giving higher TR P than TR P V are only Caracalla's; in other words TR P VI to TR P XX are all coins of Caracalla's.

BY STYLE

Since Caracalla's coins (particularly the later series) were struck at Rome and Elagabalus issued great numbers of coins in Syria, those with a typical Eastern expression will be of Elagabalus. All coins with the obverse title ANTONINVS PIVS FELIX AVG, or PIVS FEL AVG, FEL P AVF - are Syrian and thus of Elagabalus.

A star (asterik) on reverse occurs 1925 \$20.00, Pract. Unc.... 67.50 only on coins of Elagabalus.

U.S. GOLD

DOLLARS

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| | 1849 Cl. wreath. Ex. fine\$ 6.75 | |
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| | 1849 Open wreath. V.fine 6.00 | |
| | 1849-0 Mint, Ext. fine 9.00 | |
| | 1851 Very fine 5.25 | |
| | 1852 Uncirculated 6.25 | |
| 3 | 1852 Very fine plus 5.25 | |
| | 1853 Uncirculated 6.00 | |
| | 1853 Very fine plus 5.25 | |
| | 1854 Small, Ext. fine 5.50 | |
| | 1854 Large, Ext. fine 5.25 1855 Very fine 6.00 | |
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| | 1856 Slanting 5, Unc 7.50 1856 Very fine 5.75 | |
| | 1856 Fine 5.00 | |
| | 1857 Very fine plus 5.25 | |
| | 1861 Very fine plus 5.25 | |
| | 1862 About Uncirculated 6.25 | |
| | 1862 Very fine 5.25 | |
| | 1873 Uncirculated 6.75 | |
| | 1873 About uncirculated 6.00 | |
| | 1874 Semi-proof 12.50 | |
| | 1874 Uncirculated 6.75 | |
| | 1889 Brilliant Proof 12.50 | |
| | 1889 Uncirculated 7.95 | |
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| | 1825 Practically Unc 75.00 | |
| | 1834 Ex. fine plus 12.50 | |
| | 1839-0 Mint, Ext. fine 17.50 | |
| | 1843-C Mint, Very fine 15.00 | |
| | 1844-D Mint, Very fine12.50 | |
| | 1844-D Mint, Very fine12.50 1850-C Mint, Ext. fine 17.50 | |
| | 1851 Ext. fine 10.00 | |
| | 1851-0 Mint, Very fine 9.50 | |
| | 1853 Very fine 9.00 | |
| | 1854-0 Mint. Very fine 9.50 | |
| | 1861 Uncirculated12.00 | |
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| | 1877-S Mint, Uncirculated 12.50 | |
| | 1878 Uncirculated | |
| | 1878-S Mint, About Unc 10.00 | |
| | 1893 Uncirculated 12.50 | |
| | 1895 Uncirculated, rare 17.50 | |
| | 1896-Brill. Unc, scarce 15.00 | |
| | 1897 Brill. Uncirculated 12.50 | |
| | 1898 Brill. Uncirculated 12.00 | |
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| | 1905 Brill. Uncirculated 10.90 | |
| ı | 1906 Brill. Uncirculated 10.00 | |
| ı | 1907 Brill. Uncirculated 10.00 | |
| ı | 1911-D Mint, Ext. fine 18.00 | |
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| | MISCELLANEOUS | |
| | 1834 \$5.00, Very fine 13.75 | |
| | 1847 \$5.00, Ext. fine 15.00 | |
| | 1848 \$5.00, C Mint, V.fine 15.00 | |
| ١ | 1902 \$5.00, S Mint, Br. Unc. 13.75 | |
| | 1903 \$5.00, S Mint, Br. Unc. 13.75 | |
| J | 1906 \$5.00, D Mint, Br. Unc. 13.75 | |
| | 1839 \$10.00, Sm.let. V. fine. 37.50 | |
| ı | 1908 \$10.00, Uncirculated 30.00 | |

1908 \$10.00, Uncirculated... 30.00 1913 \$10.00, Uncirculated... 27.50

1850 \$20.00, Choice, V.fine. 57.50

1909/8 \$20.00, Very fine.... 75.00

1928 \$20.00, Uncirculated... 55.00